GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:338
ANSWERED ON:13.03.2003
RETAIL OUTLETS AND LPG AGENCIES BY ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether ONGC is planning a non-governmental joint venture while setting up petrol pumps and LPG agencies ;

(b) if so, the reasons and details thereof ; (

(c) whether he has asked other oil PSUs to hold their expansion plan keeping in view the new expansion plan of ONGC ; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and time by which ONGC is likely to be given permission for opening petrol pumps and LPG Agencies ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAM NAIK)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 338 BYS/SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI AND AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH TO BE ANSWERED ON 13TH MARCH, 2003 REGARDING RETAIL OUTLETS AND LPG AGENCIES BY ONGC.

(a) & (b) : Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC) has plans to have vertical integration and enter into downstream sector for marketing of petroleum products. Accordingly, ONGC would set up petrol pumps and also enter into marketing of bulk LPG. Government have granted authorization to market transportation fuels and set up Retail Outlets as per the guidelines laid down. ONGC has also taken action for acquisition of the Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd. It is considering several alternatives for implementing its plans including setting up of a Joint Venture. However, no final view has been taken.

(c) : No, Sir.

(d) ONGC has already been given authorisation to market transportation fuels in May 2002.